

Tips for Recreating in the Waldo Canyon Burn-Scar Area

Your safety is your responsibility!

Falling trees are always a hazard

- Avoid dense patches of dead trees. They often fall without warning.
- Stay out of the forest when there are strong winds, or head to a clearing out of reach of falling trees.
- Park vehicles in areas where they will not be hit if dead trees fall.
- When driving in remote areas of the forest, park close to a main road rather than on a spur or one-way section. If trees fall across the road, you may become trapped
- Bring an ax, handsaw, or chainsaw to remove fallen trees from roads in the event you become trapped.

Do not rely only on cell phones for safety

- There is no cell coverage in many areas of the national forest.

Flash flooding is possible

- If there is any chance of a flash flood, move immediately to higher ground. Do not wait for instructions to move.
- Be aware of stream, drainage channels, canyons and other areas known to flood suddenly. Flash floods can occur in these areas with or without typical warnings such as rain clouds or heavy rain.

Stay out of the path of a landslide or rockslide

- Debris flows can move quickly. Treat them like floods and move to higher ground, if possible.
- Listen for any unusual sounds that might indicate moving debris, such as trees cracking or boulders knocking together. A trickle flow may precede the much larger event and many slides can onset rapidly.